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JUNTA RESTORES 1976 REORGANIZATION STATUTE

PY231914 Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Text] The military junta, exercising its constituent power, has annulled the statute on the process national reorganization process that was enacted on 22 June 1982 and restored the statute enacted in March 1976. The legal document, which is published in today's issue of the Official Bulletin, establishes that the national government will inevitably have to conclude the country's institutionalization in the first months of 1984. The document states that the PEN [National Executive Branch] and the representative sectors of the country will give priority to outlining the essential aspects of a political, economic and social plan that will be used until the country is completely institutionalized. The military junta, in accordance with the power granted it by Article 1 of the statute that has been restored, will see that the aforementioned objectives are achieved.

Annex 2 of the document introduces some modifications to the rules that govern the functioning of the junta, the PEN and the Legislative Advisory Commission [CAL].

It has been agreed that the post of acting secretary of the junta will be exercised for alternate 3-month periods by the secretaries general of the armed forces. Before, this post was occupied by the joint staff chief.

The method of administering the oath of office to the junta members was also changed. As of now, the incoming commander in chief will say the oath of office himself. Before, the oath of office was administered by the notary public of the government.

As for the post of president of the nation, it was agreed that it will be occupied by a retired high-ranking member of the armed forces elected by the military junta.

The CAL will assist the PEN by conveying to it the views of the three armed forces regarding subjects of importance.

In accordance with the statute enacted by the military junta, the navy and the air force, together with the army, conduct the national reorganization process.

BIGNONE SAYS GOVERNMENT STABILITY NOT AT STAKE

PY232143 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 1905 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Text] Buenos Aires, 23 Sep (NA) -- When asked about the influence of the labor movement and of the political and legal episodes which have stirred the public lately, President Reynaldo Bignone asserted today that the stability of the government is "what is least at stake." In a dialogue with newsmen, he also denied that there is "a power vacuum," and confirmed that his government will carry forward its intentions of restoring democracy to the country.

PRESIDENT RECEIVES POPULAR LINE MOVEMENT LEADERS

PY231403 Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish 1030 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Text] The president of the nation received the leaders of the Popular Line Movement [LP] at the Olivos residence. The delegation was led by Guillermo Acuna Anzorena.

This meeting forms part of the round of talks that President Bignone is holding with the representatives of political parties. The following chairmen of the LP's provincial boards also participated in the meeting: Eliseo Guanes, from Formosa; Jorge Enrique Arballo, from Corrientes; Hector Panzeri, from Cordoba; Eduardo Galaretto, from Santa Fe; and Luis Carrizo Erugo, from Santa Cruz.

POLICE DENY INCIDENTS AT 22 SEP LABOR RALLY

PY232131 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 1857 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Text] Buenos Aires, 23 Sep (TELAM) -- Shortly after 1530, the federal police released a communique regarding the CGT-Brasil rally held yesterday. The communique reads as follows:

"Regarding the labor union march and rally at the Plaza de Mayo yesterday in which approximately 8,000 people participated, the Argentine Federal Police wish to inform the public, in view of the rumors that are circulating, that no incidents or arrests took place during the event."

PARAGUAYAN IMPORTS SUSPENDED OVER BANK INCIDENT

PY231459 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 1450 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Text] Buenos Aires, 23 Sep (NA) -- The Commerce Secretariat decided this morning to suspend all imports from Paraguay in view of that government's refusal to return $30,000 that was presumably illegally sent to Asuncion by a foreign bank headquartered in Argentina.

BRIEFS

LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY CHAIRMAN -- Air Force Brig Gen Carlos Roberto Francisco Cavandoli was designated and installed as the new chairman of the Legislative Advisory Commission, CAL, during a ceremony that was held at CAL headquarters a few minutes ago. [Text] [Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 22 Sep 82 PY]

WORSHIP UNDER SECRETARIAT -- Foreign Minister Juan Ramon Aguirre Lanari announced during a luncheon with religious representatives of the recognized religions in Argentina that the National Directorate of Worship will now be known as the Under Secretariat for Worship. [Buenos Aires CLARIN in Spanish 22 Sep 82 p 7 PY]

NEW POLITICAL PARTY -- Cordoba, 19 Sep (TELAM) -- A new political party has been created in Cordoba under the name of Federalist Pact of Cordoba [Pacto Federalista de Cordoba -- PFC]. This party includes the following groups: Federalist Party [Partido Federalista]; Popular Movement of Cordoba [Movimiento Popular Cordoba]; Democratic Center Movement [Movimiento de Centro Democratico]; Republican Movement [Movimiento Republicano]; and Civic and Centrist Oriented Sectors Movement [Movimiento Civico y de Sectores de Orientacion Centrista], which are not linked to any party. [Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 1120 GMT 19 Sep 82 PY]

NEW MAGAZINE -- Buenos Aires, 18 Sep (TELAM) -- The first issue of the magazine ARGENTINA PARA EL MUNDO has appeared on the stands in this capital. Its objective is to give stimulus to the integration of Latin American nations. It is published under the auspices of Manuel Jorge Ibanez (editorial editor) and Alberto Silva (press editor). It will be distributed at the United Nations, the OAS and throughout 16 Latin American nations in addition to Argentina. [Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 1500 GMT 18 Sep 82 PY]

PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO CARACAS -- Buenos Aires, 17 Sep (TELAM) -- Presidential Secretary General Jorge Alberto Marque left for Caracas, Venezuela, this morning at the invitation of the Latin American Iron and Steel Institute (ILAFA). Marque will attend the Latin American Iron and Steel Congress ILAFA-23. [Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 1318 GMT 22 Sep 82 PY]

ELECTORAL COURT DECLARES 1980 ELECTIONS VALID

PY231326 La Paz Radio Illimani Network in Spanish 1100 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Text] The National Electoral Court has declared the June 1980 elections legal. This court has made a thorough assessment of the documents issued during those elections. In answer to questions from Radio Illimani reporters, Remberto Prado Montano, president of the National Electoral Court, stated:

[Begin Prado Montano recording] The National Electoral Court has made a thorough study of all the documents which still exist and has verified the legitimacy of the results of the 1980 elections. Consequently, we have already decided to publish the list of senators and deputies, whose credentials we are about to begin distributing. [end recording]

The president of the Electoral Court stated that the appropriate credentials will be distributed among the congressmen according to that list. [Begin Prado recording] The list of senators and deputies will be published today, and the appropriate [word indistinct] so that the interested congressmen can come to the National Electoral Court to receive their credentials. [end recording]

He also said that the time required for the distribution of the credentials will depend on the fulfillment of the legal requirements of each of the congressmen concerned.

[Buenos Aires LATIN in Spanish at 1700 GMT on 23 September reports that "in 1980, the final figures of the general elections were not released because the military coup headed by Gen Luis Garcia Meza interrupted the democratic process that year. According to the final count released today, the Leftist Democratic and Popular Unity (UDP) headed by former President Hernan Siles Zuazo obtained a relative majority with 507,173 votes from a total of 1,489,484 votes throughout the country, Centrist National Revolutionary Movement-Alliance (MNR-A) headed by former President Victor Paz Estenssoro come in second with 263,706 votes and the rightist Nationalist Democratic Action (ADN) headed by former President Hugo Banzer came in third with 220,309 votes."]

COB LEADER REJECTS RUMORS OF WORKERS' REBELLION

PY231409 La Paz Cadena Panamericana in Spanish 1130 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Excerpt] Juan Lechin Oquendo, leader of the Bolivian Labor Federation [COB] and of the mineworkers, rejected rumors yesterday that the workers have begun a rebellion against their leaders. Lechin Oquendo told news media representatives in a press conference that the workers' questioning of decisions helps to strengthen the activities of the labor federation. He explained that this federation is conducted democratically and that the leaders' resolutions can be rejected by the workers.

Lechin also told the reporters about the results of the meeting that the COB leaders held with Labor Minister Julio Villa Vargas. During the meeting, it was decided that the flexible minimum wage scale must be put into effect retroactive to 11 August.

[Begin Villa Gomez recording] The flexible minimum wage scale, regardless of the length of time employed in discussing it, will be retroactive to the date when the list of proposals was presented, that is, 11 August. These are pre-established rules adopted by the Labor Ministry. That is, it is retroactive to the date when the proposals were presented. The preamble of the proposal presented by Conalsa [expansion unknown] states that the minimum wage must be put into effect gradually, allowing the use of the flexible scale as an answer to the increase in the cost of living. [end recording]

O GLOBO ON GOVERNMENT 'INTERVENTIONIST' POLICY

PY231300 Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 16 Sep 82 p 1

[Editorial: "Interventionist Option"]

[Text] The government has now adopted credit control measures, considerably increasing its power of intervention in the private sector in reaction to the negative effect of inflation on one of the most important instruments of its monetary policy, the legal reserves which the commercial banks must keep in the Central Bank.

Everyone knows that the official control over credit operations is not limited to the collection of legal reserves. In addition to that, the banks are obliged to allocate 25 percent of their demand deposits for loans to agriculture and 12 percent to small- and medium-sized companies. By narrowing even further the freedom of action of private financial institutions, these institutions become simple agents of the Central Bank just as they now are in Argentina.

The government's need to reassert the effectiveness of its monetary policy instruments, particularly by expanding the basis for the collection of legal reserves to include all bank resources, is understood. It is also easy to understand the government's shortage of funds to the point that it cannot honor old and disastrous debts to government project contractors. On the other hand, one can also easily realize the need, stemming from the difficulty in managing our deficit in current accounts, to steer the private sector toward attracting resources from the international financial market.

Yet one cannot be sure of the relative advantages of the option made since the liquidity squeeze put on the banking system will trigger effects that might neutralize the objectives being sought or might even generate other imbalances and distortions. Rising interest rates -- when the government is trying bring them down -- a worsening or persistant recession, and bankruptcy of enterprises with its consequent unemployment are some of the possible consequences that breed doubts and concern about the option just taken.

If this option was not explicitly recommended by the IMF, the measures contained in the new monetary package are in line with the classical therapy the IMF prescribes, especially after the Mexican crisis.

It is regrettable that the government does not find it easy to exercise financial control over its own enterprises. Despite the disciplinary mechanisms which have been instituted, the state-run enterprises continue to expand the proportion of their expenditures in relation to the gross domestic product and to force the government to scramble for resources to meet investment and debt obligations contracted by them.

It is to be hoped that the new interventionist urge will be confined within the announced limits and will be directed to attaining tactical objectives of a temporary nature. For an economy that is running out of breath, the remedy should not be asphyxiation.

COLUMNIST ANTICIPATES CONSTITUTION'S REFORM

PY231319 Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese 22 Sep 82 p 2

[From "Castello's Column" by Carlos Castello Branco: "Constitutional Reform"]

[Excerpts] Countering general expectations, there appear to be indications that Planalto Palace is contemplating reforming the Constitution. Important government personalities are not only thinking about it, but are counseling the president to take the initiative once more so as leave the opposition behind on a question which has been one of its fundamental demands.

By taking the initiative as it did with the cancellation of the institutional acts, the declaration of amnesty and direct gubernatorial elections, Planalto would put the opposition in the position of wondering about what is good and what is best only to finally refrain from voting for what is good an practical in order to stand up for what ideally is best.

Should the government resolutely move in that direction, as responsible circles indicate, it is likely that after the November elections, Congress will be specially convened to vote on something resembling the legislative resolution Professor Afonso Arinos speaks about in order to make possible the constitutional reform that is indispensable for the completion of the president's political project. At that time, the government should have a majority in the Chamber of Deputies so that it will ensure the passage of the resolution over the opposition, thus launching the constitutional reform process on its own initiative and retaining the prerogative of submitting to Congress, empowered as a constituent assembly, a complete draft constitution.

Should the president's decision be confirmed, the decision will have nothing to do with the electoral forecast for November. Of course, the expectations of retaining its control over the electoral college and of electing governors in 14 states prods the system to accelerate the completion of the liberalization process within President Figueiredo's term in office.

It is possible that the announcement of the official initiative -- should that be the decision made on the basis of studies and consultations that have been initiated -- will be made at the closing on the ongoing electoral campaign, when the announcement may well boost the government's position at the polls.

NEW URANIUM ENRICHMENT METHOD UNDER STUDY

PY222231 Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese 20 Sep 82 p 13

[Excerpt] Sao Paulo -- Following a line of research on its own, Brazil began to study uranium enrichment by means of ultracentrifugation, thus seeking an alternative to the jet nozzle method which is being transferred to Brazil under the nuclear agreement with the FRG, but which so far has not proved commercially viable.

Although the project is labelled "Classified" (Secret), the work being done has been revealed by Mines and Energy Minister Cesar Cals who said that in the first phase, the work will be restricted to the installation of a prototype enrichment unit on a laboratory scale.

The project has been authorized by the National Nuclear Energy Commission [CNEN] which entrusted the coordination of the studies involved to the Sao Paulo Nuclear and Energy Research Institute [IPEN].

The enrichment of uranium through the jet nozzle method became one of the critical points in the Brazilian nuclear program since it proved viable on a pilot scale only. On a commerical scale, this method consumes more energy than the energy generated when the uranium so enriched is fed into a nuclear plant.

NEWSMAN CRITICIZES MINISTER, FACES PROSECUTION

PY232302 Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese 23 Sep 82 p 1

[Text] Following a request submitted by Justice Minister Ibrahim Abi-Ackel to the prosecutor of the military court, journalist Julio Mesquita Neto, director of the newspaper O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO, will be prosecuted on grounds of having violated the National Security Law with the publication on 16 September of the editorial entitled "False Liberal Unmasked," which criticized Minister Joao Leitao de Abreu, chief of the civilian household of the Presidency.

Minister Leitao de Abreu, who brought the charge on the same day that the editorial was published, accuses Julio Mesquita of violating Articles 33 of the National Security Law, which calls for a 1 to 4-year prison sentence for those who "offend the honor or dignity" of officials, including ministers of state.

ISRAELI ENVOY PROVOKES INCIDENT AT ITAMARATY

PY221329 Paris AFP in Spanish 0258 GMT 22 Sep 82

[Text] Brasilia, 21 Sep (AFP) -- The Israeli charge d'affaires in Brasilia, Nissin Izhak, provoked an incident today at the Brazilian Foreign Ministry when he was addressing journalists about a Brazilian Government note condemning the massacre of Palestine refugees in Beirut.

The Israeli diplomat was invited by a Brazilian diplomat to leave the Foreign Ministry press room, where he was addressing the journalists without authorization. The Brazilian diplomat interrupted Izhak's statements and told him that if he wanted to make any statements he should do so somewhere else.

In statements to journalists, the Israeli diplomat said that his government will not comment on the note that was released yesterday by the Brazilian Government because it has not received any official notification as well as the fact that the note does not condemn Israel.

ARMED FORCES CHIEF GREETS SURINAME OFFICIAL

PY221305 Sao Paulo O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese 21 Sep 82 p 5

[Excerpts] Lt Col Deysi Bouterse, commander in chief of the armed forces and president of the National Political Council of Suriname, yesterday asserted that he desires Brazil's cooperation in the developing of his country.

This statement was made during an interview he granted journalists at Itamaraty yesterday. In greeting the Suriname official, Gen Alacyr Werner, Brazilian Armed Forces chief of staff, stated: "The mission currently visiting us is the most important one we have received from Suriname. It therefore represents a very important event in the relationship between our two countries. It is highly significant to receive in Brasilia, a young capital, a high representative of the Republic of Suriname, which is also a young country struggling to assert its independence and sovereignty. The city of Brasilia is a factor in the integration of our territory and our people, but also represents a link for a better rapproachement between the Brazilian Government and the northern and western neighboring countries.

Military sources disclosed the eventual interest which Suriname may have in Brazilian light arms, but no information was given regarding the reaching of any agreement in this regard.

This afternoon Bouterse will travel to Sao Paulo and visit the arms factory in Sao Jose dos Campos and Itajuba tomorrow and on Thursday.

GOVERNMENT CONDEMNS MASSACRE OF PALESTINIANS

PY231401 Santiago Domestic Service in Spanish 1030 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Text] The interim foreign minister has strongly condemned the massacre of Palestinians in Lebanon. Lt Gen Sergio Covarruvias made this known yesterday to the Jordanian and Syrian ambassadors, whom he met with in a joint audience.

In this respect, a communique has been released that indicates that the Arab ambassadors, Wa'il al-Masri and Hisham Hallaj, expressed their deep concern to the interim foreign minister about the current situation in the Middle East and about the latest violent events that have taken place in Lebanon. They also thanked Chile for the position it has adopted regarding this problem.

On his part, Covarruvias reaffirmed the government's concern in this respect and he also expressed the government's very strong condemnation of the horrible massacre suffered by the Palestine refugees in Beirut, as these demonstrations of violence seriously violate the most elemental human rights.

In this respect, the interim foreign minister told the ambassadors that Chile's foreign policy promotes peaceful solutions to controversies and opposes the use or threat of force in international relations.

AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR COMMENTS ON WEAPONS SALES

PY231841 Santiago EL MERCURIO in Spanish 16 Sep 82 p C 2

[Text] Yesterday, Austrian Ambassador to Chile Walther Lichem categorically denied press reports that his country would by no means sell weapons to our country. The press reports were released a few weeks ago and were attributed to Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky while he was visiting Palma de Mallorca. The ambassador said that he had not received an official report during the past few days because Kreisky was on vacation.

He stated, however, that "I have received an explanation from Vienna, and it has been verified that the chancellor had spoken to an AFP correspondent. The questions were focused exclusively on the issue of whether Austria would sell tanks to Argentina, and the answers were misinterpreted in the reporter's office."

Lichem explained that it was said on that occasion that Austria would reportedly sell weapons to Argentina as long as that country fulfills all legal conditions, but without mentioning figures. The press agency report mentioned 350 tanks, "and this is false. These figures were never mentioned," he stated.

BRIEFS

EXILE'S RETURN BANNED -- The Supreme Court has unanimously upheld a lower court decision banning Julieta Hortensia Carrasco Salvo from returning to Chile. The lower court had rejected an unjunction lodged by Carrasco Salvo's father. According to the authorities, Carrasco Salvo sought asylum at the Mexican Embassy, then travelled to Mexico on 21 September 1973. She is currently living in Canada. In a note submitted to the Supreme Court, the Interior Ministry contends that Carrasco Salvo "poses a threat to Chilean peace." [Santiago EL MERCURIO in Spanish 2 Sep 82 p C 5 PY]

NEW UNDER SECRETARIES -- President Augusto Pinochet yesterday designated the following under secretaries: Alvaro Bardon, economy; Lieutenant Commander Juan Enrique Froemel Andrade, education; and Lt Col Italo Alberto Seccatore Gomez, telecommunications. They replace Pedro Pizarro, Manuel Jose Errazuriz and Col Juan Machuca, respectively. [Santiago EL MERCURIO INTERNATIONAL in Spanish 2-8 Sep 82 pp 1, 2 PY]

STATE OF EMERGENCY EXTENDED TO HUAMANGA

PY240326 Buenos Aires LATIN in Spanish 1752 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Text] Lima, 23 Sep (LATIN-REUTER) -- Official sources said today that the Peruvian Government has extended the state of emergency to include a fourth province in the central region of the country because of continuous guerrilla violence. The measure, by which constitutional guarantees are suspended and the police are given broad powers to undertake investigations and arrests, has been imposed in Huamanga Province in the Ayacucho area, 575 km southeast of Lima.

Three other provinces in the same area have been under a state of emergency since the middle of July because of a wave of murders and bomb attacks ascribed to the Maoist group called the Shining Path. Similar restrictions have been in force for 1 month in Lima and the nearby port of Callao.

The sources said that the government extended the measures to Huamanga Province for 60 days due to the murder of two plainclothes policemen last weekend. Over 60 people, including 20 policemen, have died because of political violence in Peru since the beginning of the year.

SHINING PATH TERRORIST ARRESTED IN TRUJILLO

PY231356 Lima Radio Union in Spanish 1130 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Text] (Isabel Sanchez), a member of the Shining Path terrorist group who had escaped from Arequipa prison, has been arrested in Trujillo and taken to Lima by the investigative police.

According to a report, (Isabel Sanchez), alias (Comrade Tabuca), was reportedly arrested for unknown reasons at a party. On being arrested, she identified herself as (Agustina Cipe). The investigative police had their doubts about her identity so they sent her fingerprints to Lima.

Others Detained in Chiclayo

PY240209 Lima EL COMERCIO in Spanish 7 Sep 82 p A-14

[Text] Chiclayo, 6 Sep -- Seven members of the "Shining Path," among whom is the provincial secretary general of the Single Union of Educational Workers (SUTE) in Jaen, Elser Elera Lopez, have been detained by the police because of involvement in terrorist actions, according to statements made in that town.

The police raided Elera Lopez' home, located at 637 Cajamarca Avenue in Jaen and found explosives, subversive propaganda, maps and drawings showing the movements of the civil guard and investigations police personnel in various regions of the country.

Six other individuals were also detained. According to police sources, they had planned to place bombs in the "Villanueva Pinillos" school. They are: Luis Zurita, Marino Llanos, Eladio Nunez, Felix Llanos, Ebelio Lozada and Victor Sanchez, who have confessed to committing a number of attacks in Jaen.

FINANCE MINISTRY TO CONTROL FOREIGN DEBTS

PY240330 Lima EXPRESO in Spanish 10 Sep 82 p 14

[Text] According to a resolution adopted by the Ministry of Economy and Finance, state-owned enterprises will have to submit a list of their short-term foreign credit operations no later than 31 December each year. The purpose of this resolution is to properly control such operations.

Foreign credit will have to comply with the following requirements: They should be used to cover unpostponable needs; they should be repaid with the enterprises' own resources and not with funds coming from longer-term loans; they should not be earmarked for either investments or the purchase of larger capital assets; they should not be used to enlarge enterprises' operational capacity; and they should be approved by Conade [expansion unknown].

According to the resolution, enterprises will have 45 days -- starting on the date the resolution was issued -- to obtain the approval from the general board for public credit of any operations that they may have already negotiated involving the renewal, consolidation or any other kind of extension of the repayment period of short-term foreign currency debts. Future short-term debt operations should also have the general board's approval. In case no approval is granted, obligations must be paid off when they fall due.

For this purpose, the Ministry of Economy and Finance will keep a record of foreign debt operations undertaken by public utilities and nonfinancial state-run enterprises selling their products or services on the market [empresas de derecho publico y estatales de derecho privado no financieras] whenever debt terms do not exceed 1 year. This record will be kept for statistical and control purposes only; that it, it will imply neither responsibility for nor recognition of the debt by the government.

EL COMERCIO ON PARLIAMENTARY INTERPELLATION

PY240307 Lima EL COMERCIO in Spanish 18 Sep 82 p A-2

[Editorial "Questioning and Vote of Confidence"]

[Text] The outcome of the question and answer session of the cabinet and the vote of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies were unusually important political events. During the debate, which lasted uninterrupted for almost 24 hours, more than one deputy stated that this exercise of democracy was a historic event.

They were quite right. It may be said that it was so for several reasons: It was the first time that this constitutional procedure, included in a modified form in the 1979 Constitution, was used, it was a valuable precedent set by the parliamentary mechanism, it was an unprecedented opportunity for all citizens to become aware of the importance of the supervisory function of the legislative branch in a democracy and of the ideas and persons now participating in that function, and it was remarkably clarifying as to the options open to the country in various fields, particularly in those which are the most important right now: the economy and the internal security threatened by terrorism.

Prime Minister Manuel Ulloa gave extensive, clear and precise answeres to the eight points of the questionnaire in a necessarily long exposition, and throughout the night until he continued explaining, together with the ministers, various points raised by the deputies. It is worth mentioning that this part of the debate was highly useful in establishing facts and defining positions and points of view, both of the government and the parliamentary opposition. The session, therefore, gave a very positive vote for democracy. Both the chamber and the public are now better informed than before regarding the crucial problems of the country and the factors at play.

Unfolrtunately, the second part of the session was overshadowed because the Marxist minority strayed in a striking and demagogic way from the topic of the debate -- the questionnaire and the replies by the cabinet -- and lost itself among an endless number of questions and statements which had nothing to do with the questionnaire or the session. These questions would have had to be subjects of another questioning session.

It was equally regrettable that insulting excesses and attitudes incompatible with the dignity of the congress should have taken place at this important parliamentary event. Some deputies of the extreme left did not behave according to the demands of the occasion and the public observed their behavior with amazement; it also called forth strong reactions from the questioned ministers.

Apart from the questioning itself, which ended with the broad vote of confidence requested by the cabinet, this thorough debate has shed new light on the current economic reality and has served to clearly outline the political positions regarding terrorism. Democratic Peru now knows what it can expect from the extreme left. It will not let itself be taken by surprise. Its determination has become stronger to meet the terrorist threat with an energetic and fair fight.

SOVIET FISHING SHIPS USE PERUVIAN PORTS

PY232158 Lima EL COMERCIO in Spanish 7 Sep 82 p A-10

[Text] Russian fishing ships are using ports on our coast for supply and maintenance services, according to an agreement signed during the military government. The Russian ships carry out fishing activities beyond the 200-mile limit, which is periodically checked by the Navy and Aeronautics Ministries through inspections by sea and air.

This report was made to this daily by Deputy Fishery Minister Amador Merino Reyna. He stated that this agreement is beneficial to the country because the Russian fishing ships pay in hard currency for the services they receive at Peruvian ports such as fuel, repairs, supplies, etc.

As for the Polish ships, he said that only their names remain since those ships now belong to national companies and fly the Peruvian flag.

BRIEFS

COSTA RICAN AMBASSADOR -- Lima, 21 Sep (AFP) -- President Fernando Belaunde today received the credentials of the new Costa Rican Ambassador Edgar Sanchez Matarita. [Paris AFP in Spanish 0102 GMT 22 Sep 82 PY]

ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR -- Lima, 21 Sep (AFP) -- President Fernando Belaunde today received the credentials of new Algerian Ambassador Ahmed Bouderba. [Paris AFP in Spanish 2345 GMT 21 Sep 82 PY]

BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR -- Peruvian President Fernando Belaunde yesterday received the credentials of new Brazilian Ambassador Vasco Mariz. [Lima EL COMERCIO in Spanish 15 Sep 82 p A4 PY]

FOREIGN DEBT -- Lima, 17 Sep (AFP) -- The Peruvian foreign debt as of 31 July 1982 reached $6,891,000,000, according to a report from the Central Reserve Bank. According to this figure, each Peruvian now owes $371 instead of the $351 owed as of 31 July 1981 when the foreign debt was $6,419,000,000. [Text] [Paris AFP in Spanish 1835 GMT 17 Sep 82 PY]

JANUARY-AUGUST EXPORT INCOME -- According to the weekly circular No 28 of the Peruvian Central Bank, the income earned from exports up to 20 August 1982 totalled $2,112,000,000. [Lima EXPRESO in Spanish 7 Sep 82 p 12 PY]

GROUP OF '77 CHAIRMAN -- Ambassador Alfonso Arias Schreiber, chief of the Peruvian delegation to the Law of the Sea Conference, has been elected and installed as chairman of the renewed group of '77, which is made up of 125 nations. [Lima Radio Union in Spanish 1130 GMT 23 Sep 82 PY]

GROUND SATELLITE STATION -- A second ground satellite station will be built in (Ticaya) district in Huancayo Province by two Japanese firms. The station will cost over 12,166,000,000 soles, will have (?960) channels and it will be finished in 1984 along with the ground satellite station in Lurin. [Lima Radio Union in Spanish 1130 GMT 22 Sep 82 PY]

PST: PRESIDENT TO MOVE AGAINST LARGE ESTATES

WA241335 Mexico City NOVEDADES in Spanish 11 Sep 82 p 6

[Article: "The Large Landed Estates Will Meet the Same Fate, Says the PST"]

[Text] Before finishing his term, President Lopez Portillo will make decisions affecting large landed estates, stated the president of the Socialist Workers Party [PST] yesterday after emerging from a meeting with President Lopez Portillo. He informed the president that a group of 50,000 party supporters was marching toward Mexico City to show their solidarity on the bank nationalization.

Aguilar Talamantes said that the president promised to intervene on behalf of the peasants, to study the problem of the large landed estates and to reach decisions quickly.

He pointed out that the president was well aware that in many states governors have blocked agrarian reform, for which reason it was asked that "in the last months remaining of his administration he unfetter the reform and promote respect for the law in the countryside so as to affect the large landed estates and carry out unimplemented decisions."

The PST leader made clear that in no way is violence the road to dealing with this problem; the exercise of constitutional rights is the way, using the right to demonstrate and protest.

Expropriated Lands

Likewise, he indicated that he had given to the president of the republic a list of families improperly in possession of lands, lands that have already been expropriated and are the property of the federal government and ought to be surrendered in order to meet agrarian needs.

We asked the president, he said, not to leave office without striking a blow at the large landed estates and seeing to it that some of the unimplemented presidential decisions are carried out.

NEW GENERAL DIRECTOR OF BANKS SWORN IN 22 SEP

FL222305 Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish 2245 GMT 22 Sep 82

[Text] Mexico City, 22 Sep (NOTIMEX) -- Deputy Finance Secretary Antonio Enriquez Savinac today swore in Victor Manuel Gonzalez Guzman as the new director general of banks, insurance and securities. The new official replaces Francisco Vizcaya Canales, who was in turn named director of the Bank of the Atlantic.

Gonzalez Guzman had been deputy director of the Banks, Insurance and Securities Department and for the past 16 years held several posts at the Secretariat of Finance and Public Credit.

BANK ECONOMIST PREDICTS 90-PERCENT INFLATION

PA230750 Buenos Aires LATIN in Spanish 0630 GMT 22 Sep 82

[Text] Mexico City, 22 Sep (LATIN-REUTER) -- A distinguished economist said last night that Mexico's inflation, which has been further accelerated by the grave economic crisis affecting the country, could reach the 90 percent level by the end of the year.

Jesus Marcos Yacaman, chief of the Economic Studies Department of the Bank of Mexico, said during a meeting of export organizations that his prediction is based on the rising price curve observed during the first 8 months of the year.

Other experts have predicted that the inflation rate could even go higher than 100 percent. In August, prices went up 11.2 percent. With this, the inflation rate for the past 12 months has reached 68.6 percent.

BANKERS LODGE COMPLAINT AGAINST NATIONALIZATION

FL231150 Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish 0528 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Text] Mexico City, 22 Sep (NOTIMEX) -- Today 21 Mexican banking establishments filed a writ of habeas corpus for protection against officials responsible for the nationalization of the country's banks. The complaint was lodged with the district court for administrative matters by Ramon Sanchez Medal.

The institutions lodging the complaint are the Atlantic Bank [Banco del Atlantico], Banamex, Sofimex, Confia, Bancomer, Berfin, Cremi, Tuxpan, Zacatecas Mercantile Bank [Banco Mercantil de Zacatecas], Monterrey Mercantile Bank, B.B.W., and the Foreign Trade Bank [Banco de Comercio Exterior], among others.

The writ points out various constitutional precepts and the plaintiffs charge violation of their individual rights.

PRI LEADERS TO MEET 24-25 SEPTEMBER IN MEXICO CITY

PA230520 Mexico City International Service in Spanish 0200 GMT 22 Sep 82

[Text] The Public Relations Office of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, PRI, announced today that the PRI National Council will meet in Mexico City on 24 and 25 September. The office said that 5,000 PRI leaders from throughout the country will attend the event and that the activities of the National Executive Committee during the past year will be reported on.

The meeting will be opened by President Jose Lopez Portillo and will be closed by President-elect Miguel de la Madrid Hurtado.

REMEX NATURAL GAS WELL BURNING OUT OF CONTROL

FL230950 Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish 0346 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Excerpt] Mexico City, 22 Sep (NOTIMEX) -- Pemex reported today that the natural gas well in Sonda de Campeche has been burning out of control since last night. Four fire-fighting ships have been fighting the fire. According to Pemex, the Sonda de Campeche Pol-93-A well fire extends to a circumference 25 meters in diameter around and under the Pol-B platform from which the well was being drilled.

HONDURAN ENVOY SEES LITTLE CHANCE OF SAFE-CONDUCT

FL222115 Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish 1940 GMT 22 Sep 82

[Text] Mexico City, 22 Sep (NOTIMEX) -- The Honduran charge d'affaires in Mexico, Mario Zea, said today that there is little chance that Mexico will obtain safe-conducts for the four persons who have taken refuge in its embassy in Honduras.

Four persons led by Sandra Nunez requested political asylum at the Mexican Embassy some weeks ago.

Mario Zea told NOTIMEX that the four have been proved to be guerrillas and terrorists and said that according to his country's laws, terrorists are tried by common courts and the Honduran Government has never granted safe-conducts to this type of defendant.

WORLD FRONT DEMANDS HONDURAS RELEASE SALVADORANS

PA230525 Managua Radio Sandino Network in Spanish 1200 GMT 22 Sep 82

[Text] The World Front of Solidarity with the Salvadoran People has demanded in Mexico City the release of five Salvadorans captured by the Honduran Army on 22 August. In addition to demanding the release of the prisoners, the front demands that the Honduran Government and Army stop intervening in the internal affairs of El Salvador and stand by their much-vaunted neutrality.

EL SALVADOR REQUESTS AID FOR STORM VICTIMS

FL232350 Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish 2020 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Text] Mexico City, 23 Sep (NOTIMEX) -- The Salvadoran Government today asked the Mexican Government for official aid in medicines, clothing and food for the victims of the storm that is lashing the country, according to Jaime Alberto Lopez Nina, the Salvadoran charge d'affaires in Mexico City.

He said that according to the preliminary evaluation of the damage, 700 persons have been killed, 1,500 families left homeless and 40 percent of the agricultural production destroyed.

The military junta [as published] in El Salvador has declared a state of emergency in order to channel all the efforts of the armed forces into the recovery of the bodies in the colonies of Montebello and Vistahermosa in San Salvador.

Lopez Nina said that today he delivered an official communique to the Foreign Affairs and Health and Welfare Secretariats and to the Mexican Social Security Institute to request the cooperation of the Mexican Government.

He added that advice and aid had also been requested from the World Food Council and other UN organizations.

He noted that 30 percent of the cotton harvest and 25 percent of the grain, sugarcane and coffee harvests were destroyed by the storm that has lashed El Salvador since the end of last week.

The International Red Cross announced that it is prepared to help the Salvadoran people, he added.

He discarded any cooperation from the Honduran, Guatemalan and Salvadoran [as received] Governments because each is concerned about coping with its own disaster.

NATIONAL GUARD CHIEFS MEET WITH CUBAN DELEGATION

PA231940 Panama City Cadena Exitosa in Spanish 1640 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Text] First, we have to report that we received a message from the National Guard Public Relations Office last night, from Major Grimaldo advising us of a press conference to be held at 1000 at Gen Ruben Dario Paredes' official residence to discuss matters of interest regarding national problems. We arrived there at approximately 0930 to broadcast live as we had reported. At 0945, Colonel Noriega told us -- we were already set up in the main room where the conference was to be held -- that the conference had been canceled. No reason was given for the cancellation.

We were then told that we could wait since there was going to be a meeting with some important officials -- we were not told of what nationality -- and that we could get some information and our time would not be (?lost). We waited and were lucky because we got all the help we needed.

Several reporters were present -- there is a special room for reporters, for television -- and to our surprise, at approximately 1015, a delegation of officials arrived. We met Cuban Ambassador Miguel Brugueras and the delegation was received by the members of the General Staff: Colonel Contreras, Colonel Noriega and Colonel Diaz Herrera. The three members of the General Staff were present there; General Paredes was not.

We were later given the names of those present as the television cameras were only allowed to film the scene; no recordings were allowed since the meeting was private. Nevertheless, they were kind enough to tell us that some high-ranking officers of Fidel Castro's government were visiting Panama: Manuel Pineiro, member of the Communist Party of Cuba; Jose Alberto Naranjo, government minister; and Commander Osmany Cienfuegos, vice president of the Council of Ministers. They were going to meet with the members of the General Staff as well as with former Minister Ernesto Perez Balladares and Planning Minister Jose Menalco Solis. Romulo Escobar Bethancourt, former adviser to the late General Torrijos, was also present as well as Jose Blandon, former deputy director of the Institute of Hydraulic Resources and Electrification; and other members of the Cuban delegation.

In response to a reporter's question, we were told that the meeting was to discuss the Central American situation, especially the cases of Nicaragua and El Salvador.

More on Meeting

PA232222 Panama City ACAN in Spanish 2118 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Excerpts] Panama City, 23 Sep (ACAN-EFE) -- Three colonels of the General Staff of the Panamanian National Guard and leaders of the Communist Party of Cuba and Cuban Government talked here today for 3 hours about the Central American situation, although details of their discussions were not disclosed.

Answering newsmen's questions, Col Diaz Herrera did not dismiss the possibility that the information exchanged today might be used by Panamanian President Ricardo de la Espriella or by Gen Ruben Dario Paredes, National Guard commander, in their upcoming visits to the United States at the invitation of the White House and the Pentagon, respectively.

It was stated unofficially that the Cuban mission requested the meeting and asked to see General Paredes, but he was not in the capital this morning.

National Guard Communique

PA232348 Panama City Circuito RPC Television in Spanish 2315 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Text] In a communique issued this afternoon, the National Guard has noted that the General Command, out of respect for the public and the media and its members, discloses that the report by the newspaper LA PRENSA today -- to the effect that the meeting for which newsmen had been summoned to the official residence on 50th Street was for Gen Ruben Dario Paredes to explain recent staements by Col Roberto Diaz Herrera in Rio Hato -- is inaccurate.

The communique added that the truth is that the newsmen were summoned to introduce them to the members of an official Cuban delegation who are visiting Panama to exchange views on matters of the region, particularly the explosive Central American situation.

We deplore, the communique concluded, that because of biased information and baseless distortions, this type of confusion resulted.

Issued by the National Guard's Public Relations Office in Panama City on 23 September 1982. Signed by Edgardo Lopez Grimaldo.

DE LA ESPRIELLA TO VISIT COSTA RICA 23 SEP

PA231518 Panama City CRITICA in Spanish 22 Sep 82 p 32

[By Euclides M. Corro]

[Text] Jose Hernandez, director of information of the Presidency of the Republic, confirmed yesterday to CRITICA that on Saturday, Panamanian President Ricardo de la Espriella will go to San Jose, Costa Rica to meet with President Luis Alberto Monge.

Questioned about the meeting's agenda and the list of people who will accompany President de la Espriella on his official visit to the neighboring country, Hernandez said they are working on this and will provide the information as soon as possible.

Nevertheless, international news agency reports datelined Panama City report that De La Espriella will be accompanied by Foreign Minister Juan Jose Amado, Commerce Minister Mario de Diego and Agriculture and Livestock Minister Frank Omar Perez. The Panamanian president will return to the country on Sunday.

Even though there is no official information, it is almost certain that De La Espriella's agenda will include bilateral and regional affairs.

This will be Ricardo de Espriella's first trip abroad since being appointed president of Panama after Aristides Royo resigned on 30 July.

BRIEFS

NEW GOVERNORS -- Minister of Government and Justice Justo FidelPalacios yesterday announced the appointments of Dario Santamaria as new governor for Chiriqui Province and Ovidio Benavides for Veraguas Province. AT the same time, Cesar Pardo was confirmed as governor for the Province of Cocle. [Panama City MATUTINO in Spanish 16 Sep 82 p 12-A PA]

COSTA RICA

MONGE FAVORS MEXICAN-VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE

PA230457 Paris AFP in Spanish 2043 GMT 21 Sep 82

[Excerpts] San Jose, 21 Sep (AFP) -- In an interview granted to APP, Costa Rican President Luis Alberto Monge said Costa Rica is threatened by an internal and external plot "that seeks to destabilize the country, taking advantage of the economic crisis it is experiencing."

The president also said that "the guerrilla phenomenon cannot find a place in the country without foreign aid," but he did not say where the threat might exist.

Monge reiterated his decision to keep Costa Rica -- a nation that does not have an army -- neutral in the face of a possible armed confrontation between Honduras and Nicaragua, and he commented on a letter from his colleagues of Mexico, Jose Lopez Portillo, and Venezuela, Luis Herrera Campins, on pacification in the region.

The letter -- sent to the presidents of Honduras, Nicaragua and the United States -- arrived at "a very delicate moment, because the risk of a confrontation exists between the two countries," Monge said, stressing his agreement with the initiative.

Monge himself 2 weeks ago proposed a peace initiative in the region, sending his Foreign Minister Fernando Volio to El Salvador to convey a message from the Salvadoran opposition leader, Guillermo Ungo, which proposed a dialogue of the parties in the conflict.

The initiative failed after it became known. The Costa Rican president did not know to whom to attribute this indiscretion, but he did not dismiss the possibility that it may have been the work of persons seeking to abort it.

The situation in El Salvador "is very tense and the coalition formed in the wake of last March's elections is very weak. In view of this, the only thing we did was decide to transmit a message favorable to dialogue and to a political solution of the crisis," he affirmed.

"I do not think," Monge added, "that the two centers of real power in El Salvador, the guerrillas and the army, have realized that they cannot impose themselves by force of arms."

On relations with Nicaraguan Government leaders, which soured following the expulsion in late July of three diplomats accused of plotting an attack against the Honduran Airline offices here, Monge manifested an interest in keeping them "normal."

"We believe it is possible to maintain normal and respectful diplomatic relations, aside from the evident ideological differences. It all depends on whether the Nicaraguan leaders also have this attitude."

The Costa Rican president underlined the "ideological similarities" between leftwing groups in Costa Rica and Nicaragua, "but it would not be correct to affirm that we have any evidence that Nicaragua is supporting the guerrillas or stimulating terrorism here."

Monge noted that his country is facing a coordinated offensive from abroad and inside the country to destabilize his government.

Asked about the possibility of an armed movement against him, he indicated that there are unconfirmed reports that there may be two armed groups in the Atlantic part of the country, but without any capacity to endanger the government.

"In reality," he added, "they would be better off acting in coordination with strike movements in the central plains," where the principal cities of the country lie.

To counter these possibilities, Monge indicated that "the capabilities of the public force are being improved substantially, without attempting to form an army. We have had the assistance of democratic nations to train and equip an antiterrorist group," he indicated without identifying them, "but I can count not only on the improved public force to counter possible destabilizing actions, but also on the cooperation of all the people."

HONDURAS

TALKS WITH REBELS CONTINUE; MORE HOSTAGES FREED

2-Hour Meeting Held

PA231828 Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in Spanish 1805 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Excerpts] At this moment the mediating committee of Msgr Andrea Cordero Lanza, the apostolic nuncio, and Msgr Jaime Brufau, bishop of San Pedro Sula, has just left the Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Cortes building. The mediating committee went into the building at 0815 to meet with the members of the guerrilla command and only a few minutes ago they left the building after more than 2 hours of talking with the members of the guerrilla command and the group of businessmen held hostage at the Chamber of Commerce building.

A few minutes ago a car, a wagoneer with dark windows driven by a 3d Infantry Battalion member, quickly left the Chamber of Commerce area. Msgr Andrea Cordero Lanza had a long talk with the reporters and asked them to wait a while because the negotiations are continuing.

Guerrillas Reduce Demands

PA232058 Tegucigalpa EL HERALDO in Spanish 23 Sep 82 p 2

[Excerpts] San Pedro Sula -- Mass Release of Hostages

At approximately 1800 [23 Sep], 20 businessmen, including a Mexican and three Chileans, who were being held hostage by the subversive commando group in the Chamber of Commerce and Industry were released. It was said that the action was evidence of progress in the negotiations between the government and the leftists.

The names of those released are: Claudio Guell Bogran, Jorge Prieto Elizalde, Antonio Hephur Votto, Jorge Elias French Canahuati, Mario Rene Muralles, Manuel Giraldo Mendez Atala, Angel Eduardo Sarmiento, Edgar Jimenez Sandoval (Mexican), Eusebio Puerto Valle, Manuel Homero Ubuodrobro Morales (Chilean), Jorge Alfaro Castro, Reynaldo Paz Velasquez, Maximiliano Lara Cerrato, Victor Alejandro Kattan Kattan, Jose M. Kattan Kattan, Luis Rene Rendon Cruz, Omar Nasrahalla Manzur (Chilean), Negyb Kawas Nasser, Lisandro Salazar Aguilar and Orlando Rojas Perez (Chilean).

Earlier in the morning, the subversives released 34-year-old Tirzo Alirio Valencia, former director of Honduran Red Cross volunteers. According to Lorvin Rene Alvarado, current director of the volunteers, Valencia's release "was in recognition of the work we have carried out and will continue to carry out, supplying everything that they request."

Subversives Reduce Demands

A more flexible attitude on the part of the subversive criminals is seen with the release of 21 of the original 105 hostages seized when the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Cortes was taken over on Friday. A government spokesman said that "the guerrillas have evidently reduced their demands. However, they demand conclusive proof that the political prisoners whose release they demanded have been deported or released."

"Those subversives," the spokesman added, "have only demanded photographs and proof of those who allegedly were imprisoned and have been released."

"The guerrillas no longer care about the fulfillment of the demands such as the expulsion of the U.S. advisers, Honduras' withdrawal from the Central American Democratic Community and the repeal of the antiterrorist law," the government official said.

Cuba, Panama Possibly to Aid

PA231920 Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in Spanish 1852 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Excerpt] Attention listeners: The INTER PRESS SERVICE news agency has reported in a dispatch datelined Panama City that Cuban authorities were trying to arrange the landing of a plane which could possibly be the one to transport the members of the Cinchoneros group which have kept more than 60 people hostage at the Cortes Chamber of Commerce and Industries in San Pedro Sula.

The INTER PRESS SERVICE, whose representative in Honduras is (Juan Ramon Duran) reported this information in Panama and (Benjamin Martinez), the agency's correspondent on duty has established contact with this station and the truth is that no other agency has reported this.

Speculation on Help

PA232203 Paris AFP in Spanish 2130 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Text] Tegucigalpa, 23 Sep (AFP) -- The possibility that the comando group of the Cinchonero front that is holding 61 hostages in San Pedro Sula may be transferred by air to Cuba has not been confirmed or denied by Msgr Jaime Brufau, one of the mediators between the Honduran Government and the rebels. "I could not say anything" about the alleged transfer of the Cinchoneros to Cuba after a stopover in Panama, as reports from the latter country hinted, the monsignor indicated.

A dispatch datelined Panama indicated that a delegation of prominent Cuban officials met there today with high-ranking officers of the Panamanian National Guard and considered the possibility of transferring the fatherland or death commando and some hostages by airplane to Cuba.

Asked about this, Brufau said he knew nothing; and when asked insistently if the Cinchonero commando group had requested the transfer, the San Pedro Sula bishop only replied that "I cannot say anything about the matter."

"Many things are said regarding the occupation of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Cotres staged last Friday," the mediator noted. "Regarding that aircraft, I for one know nothing," he concluded.

Cinchoneros May Go to Cuba

PA232238 Panama City ACAN in Spanish 2207 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Excerpt] San Pedro Sula (Honduras), 23 Sep (ACAN-EFE) -- Tension continues to mount around the Chamber of Commerce building in this city where a group of Cinchonero guerrillas is still holding 58 hostages, including prominent government offcials and businessmen.

After last night's release of 21 of the 79 hostages that remained of the original 105 hostages taken Friday night, a waiting period has begun that might culminate this afternoon in the release of a similar group. It was stated unofficially that the negotiators have convinced the guerrillas to keep the smallest possible number of hostages so that they can leave Honduras as soon as possible with the most important ones.

Most of the officials of the Chamber of Commerce; Gustavo Alfaro, economy minister; Arturo Corleto, finance minister; and Gonzalo Carias, president of the Central Bank, are still being held hostage. A spokesman for the negotiating commission indicated that perhaps the problem may be resolved peacefully before Saturday and that the guerrillas may want to travel to Cuba.

It was also leaked to newsmen that the Honduran Government will request a friendly country that meets with the approval of the guerrillas to supply logistical support for their transfer anywhere they choose.

The negotiators -- the apostolic nuncio, Andrea Cordero Lanza y Montezemolo, and Jaime Brufau, San Pedro Sula bishop, did not hide their optimism about the final outcome from newsmen. Relatives of the hostages are near the Chamber of Commerce waiting to see their loved ones freed at any moment "safe and sound."

More on Negotiations

PA232320 Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in Spanish 2157 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Excerpts] We are contacting San Pedro Sula at this moment, from where our correspondent Alfonso Anariba Calix has some last-minute information.

[Begin telephone relay] We are reporting from the vicinity of the Cortes Chamber of Commerce and Industries building. The mediating commission composed of Msgr Jaime Brufau, bishop of the San Pedro Sula diocese, and Msgr Andrea Cordero Lanza, the apostolic nuncio, has just arrived at the Chamber of Commerce building. They left the headquarters of the 3d Infantry Battalion a few minutes ago after a 2-hour meeting with government representatives.

Monsignor Brufau was brief when approached by us. He said he was heading for the Chamber of Commerce building, where he would meet with the representatives of the guerrilla command to continue negotiations. The guerrillas have held a number of hostages since Friday after occupying the Cortes Chamber of Commerce and Industries building. The mediating group has just entered the building.

Meanwhile, we were informed that the president of the republic, Dr Roberto Suazo Cordova, has traveled to the northern sector of the country to get personal information about the progress of the negotiations. In fact, we have been informed that President Suazo Cordova visited San Pedro Sula, where he met with ranking officers and the negotiating commission at the 3d Infantry Battalion command post.

Dr Suazo Cordova paid a courtesy visit to Emin Abufele at the medical center where he is recovering from wounds suffered during the occupation of the Chamber of Commerce building by the guerrilla command. The president was accompanied by other ranking military officers, including the chief of staff of the armed forces, Col Jose Ateneo Bueso Rosa. After visiting other installations, President Suazo Cordova returned to the military base, where he will board a helicopter to take him back to Tegucigalpa.

Thus, the president of the republic has been personally informed about the negotiations underway between the government and the guerrilla command. This was a report by Alfonso Anariba Calixi from the vicinity of the 3d Infantry Battalion base, to the Honduran people and the listeners of Cadena Audio Video. [end telephone relay]

20 More Hostages Released

PA232341 Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in Spanish 2328 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Excerpt] A total of 20 persons have just left the Cortes Chamber of Commerce and Industries. The negotiations concluded today with the release of 20 more persons. According to what we have been able to establish from where the press is located, some very well-known people left in this group.

Names Listed

PA240022 Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in Spanish 2342 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Live telephone relay from San Pedro Sula]

[Text] Here we have government press spokesman (Rolando Sarmiento) to read the list of the people who were just released. Go ahead (Sarmiento) with that list:

[Sarmiento] Attention Honduran people who listen to this station. Here is the official list of the hostages who were released: Daniel Humberto Elias; Nasry Canahuati; Jose Luis Neyra, a Spaniard; (Johnny Chains); (Modesto Bindell); (Jose Benjamin Flores); Hugo Rivera; (Mario Nunez); (Ramon Milla Nera); (Francisco Gavidia); (Roberto Reyes Silva); Guillermo A. Mejia; Edgardo Larach; Carlos Montezuma Davila, a Guatemalan; (Paulino Lopez); Bernett Gurort, a Swiss; (Henry Hultz Leyva); (Carlos Rivera Zatruch); (Mario Flores Ponce); and (Enrique Morales).

Negotiations' Progress Cited

PA240230 Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in Spanish 2354 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Telephone relay from San Pedro Sula]

[Excerpt] [Question] Monsignor Andrea Cordero Lanza, will negotiations continue tomorrow? What can you tell the Honduran people?

[Answer] Today 20 more hostages were released. The negotiations will continue tomorrow.

[Correspondent] You have heard the brief statement of Msgr Andrea Cordero Lanza as he came out of the Cortes Chamber of Commerce building to board the bus taking him back to the 3d Infantry Battalion. We also approached Msgr Jaime Brufau as he prepared to leave the Chamber of Commerce building. He said negotiations will continue tomorrow; that today's developments are evidence that talks between the government and the Cinchoneros guerrilla command continue to progress.

RADIO VENCEREMOS PREDICTS ASSAULT ON CINCHONEROS

PA240410 (Clandestine) Radio Venceremos in Spanish to El Salvador 0230 GMT 24 Sep 82

[Text] We have received information from Tegucigalpa that the police in Honduras are engaged in the destruction of posters and the erasure of slogans on the walls in Tegucigalpa and other cities of the country demanding compliance with the demands of the Honduran patriots occupying the Cortes Chamber of Commerce and Industries building in San Pedro Sula. Other reports reveal that foreign elements, probably U.S. advisers, have been observed among Honduran military forces in the vicinity of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Honduran police, meanwhile, continues to question the hostages released by the guerrilla command about the location of the hostages, the access facilities into the installations and the exact location of the members of the command. They also inquire about the state of exhaustion of the Cinchonero command members. These reports from San Pedro Sula, added to the suspicious attitude of the police, could be the preliminary steps of a plan to militarily assault the Chamber of Commerce building.

While the government uses delaying tactics in negotiating, the Cinchoneros command has shown maturity and flexibility in the process, with the release of many hostages already and by giving evidence of its willingness to reach a peaceful solution of the situation.

Meanwhile, the leaders of the Cinchoneros command have reiterated their determination to go to the ultimate consequences in carrying out the mission.

The military high command and the Government of Honduras are preparing for a military attack on the installations of the Chamber of Commerce of San Pedro Sula.

Fellow members of the Cinchoneros revolutionary command: The Honduran people and the peoples of the world are on your side. The world is watching your firm determination to go to the ultimate consequences in the action you have undertaken, under the slogan of "free fatherland or death."

The Government and military command of Honduras shall be held responsible for any blood shed during the outcome of this action.

FORMER HOSTAGE GIVES DESCRIPTION OF COMMANDER ONE

PA232354 Tegucigalpa LA TRIBUNA in Spanish 23 Sep 82 p 3

[Text] With the exception of Commander One, only "youngsters" make up the "fatherland or death" guerrilla group that attacked and is still occupying the installations of the Cortes Chamber of Commerce and Industries, holding 61 people hostage.

One of the hostages who was released confirmed this information to this newspaper, adding that Commander One is approximately 35 years old. According to this hostage, the commander is apparently an intellectual because of the way he talks. He is white, well-built, stands 1.8 meters tall, has light brown eyes, curly light brown hair and covers his face with a green and white handkerchief.

According to the informant, the other rebels are young men whose ages range between 17 and 19 years, including Commander Two, the second in charge. The former hostage said that there are 10 guerrillas -- Commander One and nine youths who are not allowed to talk with anybody. The guerrillas keep moving from place to place and take turns sleeping.

The informant said that they are armed with submachineguns and carry bags filled with ammunition and cartridge clips. They also have .45-caliber guns. They have treated the hostages well.

ARMED FORCES DENY ACTION AGAINST TIEMPO

PA231502 Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in Spanish 1145 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Text] The 3d Infantry Battalion of San Pedro Sula has replied to newsman Manuel Gamero, director of the newspaper TIEMPO. The military had nothing to do with the power failure which left the newspaper's printing plant without electricity, thus preventing the publication of the newspaper.

(Rolando Sarmiento), information chief of the 3d Infantry Battalion, made the following clarification yesterday from San Pedro Sula after newsman Manuel Gamero accused the military high command of having ordered the suspension of electric power to the newspaper TIEMPO:

[Begin recording] This morning we heard the Radio America broadcast in which newsman Gamero, director of the newspaper TIEMPO published in San Pedro Sula, said that due to the lack of electricity the newspaper was unable to circulate as normal. Newsman Gamero implied that the high command of this area had issued instructions so that the newspaper TIEMPO would not be published and thus could not circulate.

In this regard, we got in touch with Col Roberto Martinez Avila, commander of the 3d Infantry Battalion, who immediately and officially told us that the neither the 3d Infantry Battalion nor the high military command had anything to do with the power failures in San Pedro Sula.

However, he did say that there were some power failures in the sector where the Cortes Chamber of Commerce and Industry is, but that TIEMPO is located about 3 km away, on the other side of San Pedro Sula at the exit to La Lima, and that the failures did not occur in that area. Therefore, the suspension of electricity is due to unexpected failures in the power system, which can be investigated at the National Electric Power enterprise in that sector.

At no time was the high military command ordered electricity out to prevent a news medium such as TIEMPO from circulating. The armed forces are not in the habit of taking such action. They have always respected the free expression of thought. Therefore, on behalf of the commander of the 3d Infantry Battalion, we deny that the high military command has issued such orders. This was what we wanted to clarify. On the contrary, domestic and foreign journalists have been given freedom to cover this situation. [end recording]

NICARAGUA

BORGE SAYS BOSWORTH ACCUSATION HARMS PEACE

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[Text] Managua, 22 Sep (ACAN-EFE) -- Interior Minister Commander Tomas Borge has told ACAN-EFE that the accusation by Stephen Bosworth, U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs, that Nicaragua is responsibile for terrorist actions in Honduras doesn't contribute to peace in Central America. The member of the Sandinist front National Directorate added: "Bosworth hasn't accused anyone for the external attacks that Nicaragua endures, but he attacks Nicaragua over an internal situation taking place in another country."

Commander Borge said that if it were not that the charge implies the tragic possibility of an aggression against Nicaragua, it could be considered simply ridiculous, because "we are not to blame for Honduran internal contradictions." The Nicaraguan interior minister said that while his country is making efforts to find a basis for peace, talking with friendly governments which could serve as a bridge in peace talks, statements like that by Bosworth create an aggressive antirevolutionary background.

Referring to the attack on Nicaragua by approximately 100 anti-Sandinists who arrived from Honduras, Borge said that this aggression was nothing new; it was just a continuation of attacks that have been carried out in the past and those what will be carried out in the future. Borge decidedly supported the letter prepared by Venezuelan President Luis Herrera Campins and Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo calling for peace in Central America.

COMMENTARY DENOUNCES 'RIDICULOUS' U.S. CHARGE

PA230950 Managua Radio Sandino Newtwork in Spanish 1200 GMT 22 Sep 82

[Station commentary: "Ridiculous U.S. Charges Against Nicaragua"]

[Text] The charges irresponsibily made against Nicaragua by Stephen Bosworth, U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs, that the occupation of the San Pedro Sula Chamber of Commerce and other attacks are arranged by the Nicaraguan Government, deserve the rejection of all those seriously interested in peace in the region.

This type of tendentious statement helps create a hostile, warlike anti-Nicaraguan environment. Therefore, this accusation against Nicaragua -- disregarding the harm that is done to the cause of peace in Central America -- represents another act of aggression against our country aimed at undermining the efforts that the Government of National Reconstruction has been arduously and patiently making for a long time to promote a suitable atmosphere for a dialogue with Hondurans and the other sister nations of Central America.

The only explanation for such unjustifiable behavior is that the United States is not interested in promoting a dialogue with Nicaragua and is trying to block every conciliation effort made by Nicaragua to prevent the normalization of relations between our countries, especially after the Governments of Mexico and Venezuela -- in a supreme effort to overcome the crisis -- sent their peace proposal to the chiefs of government of the United States, Honduras and Nicaragua. Statements as irresponsible and ill-intentioned as this only serve to make more difficult the long road in the search for peace and harmony in the region.

NUNEZ RETURNS FROM ITALY, DESCRIBES MEETINGS

PA230725 Panama City ACAN in Spanish 2128 GMT 22 Sep 82

[Text] Managua, 22 Sep (ACAN-EFE) -- It was reported here today that during a recent meeting, Commander Carlos Nunez, president of the Nicaraguan State Council, and Msgr Agostino Casaroli, secretary of state of the Vatican, discussed the subject of respect for the development of the tatholic Church in Nicaragua.

Nunez returned today from Rome, where he participated in an IPU conference. He told newsmen that Monsignor Casaroli has always been interested in "closely" following the Central American situation and especially the relations between the Catholic Church and the Nicaraguan state.

Nunez told the important Vatican official and leaders of European political parties that the Nicaraguan Government wants to "improve the political model that the Sandinist revolution will adopt," and informed them about the steps being taken in this direction.

The meeting with the prelate served to give continuity to relations between the Vatican and Nicaragua and to provide a "frank dialogue" about the need for specific measures that will effectively solve and normalize "the religious situation that has emerged in the country," the president of the State Council said.

Nicaraguan bishops have been concerned with the future of Catholic education in this country. They have charged that there have been "public efforts to insult and discredit some Catholic educational organizations and educators." Nunez reassured Monsignor Casaroli that the Nicaraguan Government wants to maintain and respect the church's development.

Reports on IPU Conference

PA232028 Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish 1830 GMT 22 Sep 82

[Text] Upon his arrival from Rome today, Commander of the Revolution Carlos Nunez, president of the State Council, said that Europe's reactionary sectors are shrouding the problems of the Third World in secrecy. Meanwhile, the 68th IPU conference focused its attention on world tensions.

Nunez said that the most important events in Rome were the presence of PLO President Yasir 'Arafat at the Vatican and the conference resolution to ask IPU members to expel Israel from that organization and break relations with that country as a way of condemning Israeli actions against the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples.

Nunez said that he met with Cardinal Casaroli in an effort to give coninuity to the talks and open new paths for the solution of the religious problems that have appeared in our country. According to Nunez, this is an effective way to have it understood that in Nicaragua there is harmony between the church and the revolution.

He spoke with the secretary general of the Spanish [as heard] Communist Party during the conference in order to bring our friendship closer and strengthen the FSLN's international ties.

The Latin American countries that attended the 68th IPU conference, including Nicaragua, called for Israel's exclusion from the organization because Israel has repeatedly violated treaties and ignored the calls of this and other international organisations, Nunez noted.

Nunez described the IPU meeting as important because it heard the concerns and reports of the Third World countries which are facing an unprecedented crisis.

Commander of the Revolution Henry Ruiz, planning minister; Commander of the Revolution Luis Carrion, deputy interior minister, and State Council members met the Nicaraguan delegation headed by Nunez at Augusto Cesar Sandion Airport at 0800.

Commenting on the work done at the IPU conference, Nunez said: [Begin recording in progress] ...countries, including us, which promote Israel's expulsion from the IPU because of the present situation in Lebanon, but mainly because Israel is a country that has repeatedly violated all its commitments and ignored the calls of various international organizations [words indistinct]. On the contrary, Israel has mocked the international organizations [words indistinct] and has continued its cruel, warmongering policy against the Palestinians.

We can say that we also met with Cardinal Casaroli and Companero Berlinguer, who is well known here. He is the secretary general of the Italian Communist Party. [Words indistinct] FSLN relations with the parties and regarding the relations with the Vatican, taking into account that the Vatican and Monsignor [title as heard] Casaroli [words indistinct] in every opportunity that [words indistinct] interest in knowing the Nicaraguan and Central American situation, and particularly the relations with the church. [end recording]

WHEELOCK DECLARES AGRICULTURAL DISASTER MEASURES

PA230845 Managua Sistema Sandinista Television Network in Spanish 0200 GMT 21 Sep 82

[Statement by Jaime Wheelock Roman, minister of agricultural development and agrarian reform, made on 20 September from Government House, Managua -- recorded]

[Text] We had planned to cover 581,629 manzanas during the 1982-1983 agricultural cycle with basic grains -- corn, sorghum, beans and rice. Of these 581,629 manzanas, 123,940 manzanas were affected and [word indistinct], basically in the jungle. This represents 472 million cordovas, or $47 million in production costs.

Cotton sector: we planned to cultivate 136,800 manzanas of cotton for the 1982-1983 agricultural cycle. Of this total, 4,231 manzanas were totally lost and 54,958 manzanas were damaged but can still be recovered.

In the cattle sector, it has been determined that the whole Pacific sector was affected by the drought. We estimate that 370,000 head of cattle have been greatly affected. For this reason, we have made two basic decisions: 1) To once again declare the Western region a disaster area; and 2) to propose the immediate implementation of a series of measures of a preventive, financial, and economic nature that, from today on and based on an emergency plan, will help us minimize the disastrous situation we have had to face as a result of the drought.

In the western region, the central government will assume debts acquired through rural credit for loans granted to small and medium producers for the growing of basic grains whose crops were lost as a result of the drought. This includes approximately 5,000 manzanas planted with basic grains including corn, beans, sorghum and rice; 302 manzanas of sesame; and 603 [words indistinct].

Regarding the livestock sector affected in the Pacific area, the following measures have been decided on; to put enough molasses at the disposal of the livestock sector. The central government will subsidize the price of the molasses. Right now the price is 113 cordobas per barrel; to be put at the disposal of the cattlemen at 75 cordobas for the 55 gallon barrel.

BOSWORTH CHARGE AGAINST NICARAGUA CONDEMNED

PA231055 Havana International Service in Spanish 2310 GMT 22 Sep 82

["Our America" Commentary]

[Text] [Broadcast in progress] Apparently the U.S. Government's aggressive policy against Nicaragua knows no limits. Every day U.S. officials invent new lies and launch coarse charges against the Nicaraguan revolution.

The most recent invention to hide U.S. interventionist plans was voiced by Stephen Bosworth, U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs, who accused Nicaragua of having participated in recent revolutionary activities in Honduras.

Showing absolute disregard for the truth, and for the purpose of maintaining Washington's anti-Nicaraguan warlike hysteria, Bosworth said that the Sandinist government and the Salvadoran guerrillas are involved in the attacks carried out in Honduras during the past few weeks.

He also accused Nicaraguans and Salvadorans of being responsible for the action carried out last Friday in San Pedro Sula by a Cinchonero people's liberation movement group that is holding hostage three important officials of the Honduran Government and dozens of representatives of the Honduran financial sector.

The charges by the high-ranking U.S. official could be characterized as ridiculous if it were not for the fact that they serve to hide Yankee interventionist designs in Central America.

Referring to Bosworth's statement, Sergio Ramirez, member of the junta of the Government of Nicaragua, has said that they are very dangerous. It is dishonest, he said, for a U.S. official at that level to make such a lie. The Nicaraguan leader said that the situation in Central America gets hotter every day as a result of that attitude and the supplying of U.S. arms and equipment in the region.

With those lies, Sergio Ramirez noted, an effort is being made to justify future aggressions against Nicaragua. He added: This is not the case of an irresponsible official, but of a policy of blaming Nicaragua to prepare the conditions to give our country the coup de grace at the right moment.

Sergio Ramirez also rejected U.S. charges that Nicaragua is involved in an arms buildup. The truth is, he said, that the United States is arming Honduras to the teeth and giving it military advice to turn it into a veritable threat to the Nicaraguan revolution.

Sergio Ramirez concluded by saying that the present U.S. Government systematically rejects the peace proposals of Nicaragua, a country that wants to live in peace with its neighbors, even with the United States.

This U.S. policy of telling lies and launching false charges against other countries is part of an arsenal for aggression against nations. This is the same policy they have been applying against Cuba for the past 23 years.

What no one can deny, not even U.S. officials, is that the U.S. imperialists are using reactionary Honduran military men in their aggression against Nicaragua. What no one can deny is that there are thousands of former Somozist guards and other counterrevolutionary elements in Honduras who frequently go into Nicaragua, where they have already commit many crimes. And it is no secret that thousands of Honduran soldiers have entered El Salvador to fight Salvadoran patriots and kill defenseless peasants.

The false charges made by the U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state, as well as others made by important U.S. officials, are intended to conceal criminal aggression and clear imperialist plans of intervention in Central America.

OFFICIALS DISCUSS ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH FRANCE

Ambassador Meets Mauroy

FL232035 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2007 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Text] French Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy today received Gregorio Ortega, the Cuban ambassador to France. They met to discuss economic matters of mutual interest and bilateral relations between the two countries, it was reported.

Bank Officer Renegotiates Debt

FL231240 Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish 0345 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Text] Paris, 22 Sep (NOTIMEX) -- Raul Leon Torras, [minister] president of Cuba's National bank, described as positive the decision of French financial authorities to renegotiate Cuba's foreign debt on a medium-term basis in convertible currency. Leon Torras, who arrived here last Thursday leading a high-level economic delegation, said he had meetings with representatives of the Bank of France, the Treasury, the Ministry of Economy and Finance, and banks and commercial firms having economic and financial ties with his country.

Leon Torras presented the plan for renegotiation of Cuba's foreign debt to French officials, who received it in a spirit of understanding and trust. The Cuban official proposed one meeting of experts in Havana during the month of October, followed by another during the first week of November. This way, Leon Torras said, starting 15 November, Cuba would be able to negotiate with the 250 private banks involved in Cuba's foreign debt.

HEALTH MINISTER VALLE JIMENEZ VISITS DPRK

For Pyongyang coverage of the visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea by Cuban Minister of Health Sergio del Valle Jimenez, see the North Korea section of the 17 and 23 September Asia & Pacific DAILY REPORT.

LIBYAN LEADER RECEIVES MINISTER LEVI FARAH

FL221740 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 22 Sep 82

[Text] Tripoli -- Libyan Leader Abd as-Salam Ahmad Jallud has received Cuban Government Minister [For Construction Abroad] Levi Farah, who is on an official visit to Libya leading a government delegation. During the meeting, they reviewed plans for cooperation between Cuba and Libya. Later, Jallud gave Levi Farah separate messages for Cuban President Fidel Castro and Vice President Raul Castro.

CASTRO RECEIVES INDIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER

FL221205 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1045 GMT 22 Sep 82

[Text] Commander in Chief Fidel Castro, president of the Councils of State and Ministers, has received Mr Natwar Singh, Indian deputy foreign minister. They held a friendly and fraternal discussion, exchanging views on the excellent results of the consultation process for the Nonaligned Movement's decision to hold the seventh summit in New Delhi and on the continuing preliminary arrangements for the event.

The important role and unity of the Nonaligned Movement in the present international situation were stressed during the talks. Deputy Foreign Minister Singh expressed his country's high esteem for Cuba's positive role while chairing the Nonaligned Movement, in particular, its relentless efforts to maintain and ensure its unity.

ANTIGUA

ACLM LEADER DENIES PLANNING TO SEIZE POWER

FL221854 Bridgetown CANA in English 1644 GMT 22 Sep 82

[Text] St Johns, Antigua, Sept 22, CANA -- The left-wing Antigua Caribbean Liberation Movement (ACLM), accused by the government of attempting to "destabilise the country," said today that it had no plans to seize power by the use of arms.

ACLM leader, Tim Hector, said anyone who said that such a course was necessary in Antigua at the moment "is clearly talking through his hat."

"An armed seizure of power occurs only when a regime has blocked all democratic paths to change, and that happened in Grenada and Cuba, but the conditions for that do not exist in Antigua and the ACLM has no plans of any armed insurrection in Antigua whatsoever," Hector declared.

Two months ago, the government of Prime Minister Vere Bird, responding to allegations of corruption by the ACLM, termed them "part of a carefully planned Marxist campaign to create disaffection for the Antigua Labour Party government and destabilise the country."

In an interview here, Hector outlined his party's philosophy and its goals. He said that his party will work on the strategy of calling for the transformation on the country by the people themselves.

He added that under this strategy, the people themselves must deire change since it could not be willed from on top by politicians.

Hector said that at the moment, the ACLM was trying to "battle for minds of the people." "To let people see an alternative path to development."

He added that the ACLM as a party would like to provide the theoretical and political direction for meaningful change to take place.

"We would wish to shift the focus of development from foreign capital, to government providing the capital to the people of the country to transform the economy," the ACLM leader said.

He said that even if a party won power by the gun and there was no enthusiasm among the people, and the will for that change, then the government would fail disastrously.

"Therefore, we have to engage in the battle for the minds of the people so that after they have accepted certain ideas and certain policies they themselves can proceed to implement that change," Hector said.

Asked if his party had any intention to link up with any of the opposition group, Hector said: "Whether we link with any other opposition party or not depends largely on how far the programme we have outlined would be workable or possible with any other organisation in the country," he said.

He added: We are not stupid to say in politics that one does not enter into tactical arrangements at a given time in history, accepting that the people have reached this stage and this is the best thing at this stage."

The recently formed United People's Movement of former Premier George Walter, has said that it will link up with any other political party in the country to remove the present government.

GRENADA

GOVERNMENT SEEKING FULL MEMBERSHIP IN ATA

FL231135 Bridgetown CANA in English 0933 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Excerpt] St Georges, Grenada, Sept 23, CANA -- The Peoples' Revolutionary Government (PRG) of Grenada is making moves to get the island re-accepted as a full member of the Antigua-based East Caribbean Tourism Association (ATA), director of tourism, Jane Belfon has announced.

Miss Belfon said that Grenada, which has observer status in the organisation, applied for full membership at ATA's recent general meeting held in St Vincent.

JAMAICA

NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY CREATED

FL231130 Bridgetown CANA in English 1905 GMT 22 Sep 82

[Text] Kingston, Jamaica, Sept 22, CANA -- The Jamaica Government has launched an agency, the National Industrial Development Company (NIDCO), to oversee the development of its seven priority industrial sub-sectors, it has been officially disclosed.

The company falls under the administration's plans for structural adjustment to establish an export-led economy.

Announcement of the launching of the company was made by Industry and Commerce Minister Douglas Vaz, after signing contracts for a massive training programme for workers in the garments industry.

The training will be done by the company, Kurt Salmon Associates at top management, industrial engineers and line supervisors level, while the Singer Company will train sewing machine mechanics and others in embroidery.

The Jamaica Industrial Development Corporation (JIDC), under whose portfolio the training programme falls, will have counterparts understudying the foreign consultants.

"At the end, what we will have is a fully-trained cadre of trainers who will be in Jamaica for permanent benefit," the industry and commerce minister said.

The garment development unit of the JIDC would be "considerably restructured and expanded," he said.

Some 18 million dollars (one JCA dollar: 56 cents U.S.) will be spent on building of a garment complex in Kingston, where there will be 20 factories, each employing 250 persons.

It will be completed in 4 years and thousands of young Jamaicans will get training for the garment industry. The entire complex will have 500,000 square feet of factory space.

The garment industry is the first of the seven sub-sectors to be developed by the National Industrial Development Company and studies show that Jamaica could develop an industry that could have a serious impact in North America and Europe.

The other six priority areas are: footwear and leather products, agro-industry and food-processing, automotive accessories, building and construction material, electrical and electronics products, and furniture and wood products.

COLOMBIA

ISRAELI EMBASSY BOMBED, MACHINEGUNNED 23 SEP

PA231407 Paris AFP in Spanish 1346 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Text] Bogota, 23 Sep (AFP) -- A dynamite attack against the Israeli Embassy in Bogota took place at 1320 GMT on Thursday, sources of the diplomatic delegation reported.

A bomb whose power has yet to be determined apparently exploded in the front part of the residence where Ambassador Hayin Aharon has his office. There were no casualties and the ambassador is not in Bogota today.

Simultaneously with the explosion, which led to the mobilization of the security forces, a vehicle speeding past the embassy machinegunned the building.

The Israeli Embassy is located in the extreme north of Bogota in one of the most luxurious neighborhoods of the Colombian capital.

M-19 Claims Credit

PA231808 Paris AFP in Spanish 1736 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Text] Bogota, 23 Sep (AFP) -- The Colombian 19 April Movement (M-19) today claimed credit for a dynamite bombing attack on the residence of Hayin Aharon, Israeli ambassador to Colombia.

In a telephone call to Radio CARACOL Network, the self-styled nationalist subversive group claimed credit for the attack in which two people, one of them Ambassador Aharon's wife, were slightly injured.

An anonymous spokesman for the M-19 said that the attack, in which a bazooka was used to blow up the residence's door, is an act of solidarity with the Palestinians killed in Beirut.

VENEZUELA

FOREIGN MINISTRY DENIES MEDDLING IN CARIBBEAN

PA230825 Paris AFP in Spanish 2026 GMT 22 Sep 82

[From the Caribbean news bulletin]

[Text] Caracas, [no date given] (AFP) -- Venezuela today officially denied in this capital that it is meddling in the domestic affairs of Antigua-Barbuda or any other Caribbean nation.

Deputy Foreign Minister Oswaldo Paez Pumar said that statements to this effect made in Saint Johns, the capital of Antigua-Barbuda, are false. The statements have been attributed to Hugh Marshall, Paez' counterpart in Antigua-Barbuda.

Paez added that "this type of charge against Venezuela by those interested in hurting our international image is not new." The Venezuelan official concluded by saying: "Our foreign policy is very clear: We support the rule of democracy and law in the world, but we do this without meddling in the domestic affairs of any nation."